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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY Report #6 -- 2004 Pacific Whiting Fishery

This report consolidates preliminary state, federal, and tribal data for the 2004 Pacific whiting fishery off Washington, Oregon, and California.

	Allocation		Catch* (mt)	Thru [date]	Status	Percent of allocation taken
	Percentages	Metric Tons				
California (south of 42 N lat.)	(5% shore alloc'n; included in WOC shore allocation)	4,526	4,589	--	CA season began April 1; temporary closure from May 22 to June 15	
Oregon	--	NA	58,637	--		
Washington	--	NA	25,659	--		
WOC shore-based	42% commercial OY	90,510	88,885	8/14	Began June 15; ended 1600 August 14	98.2%
Mothership (n. of 42 N. lat.)	24% commercial OY	51,720	24,102	6/12	Began May 15	46.6%
Catcher/processor (n. of 42 N. lat.)	34% commercial OY	73,270	41,269	9/7	Began May 15	56.0%
Total nontribal	commercial OY	215,500	154,256	--	--	71.6%
Tribal (Makah)		32,500	28,648	8/15	Began May 20	
Total directed fishing		248,000	182,904	--	--	73.8%
Other (research & incidental catch in non- groundfish fisheries)		2,000	unknown at this time			--
Total	OY=optimum yield	250,000	--	--	--	--

* Catch includes discards from at-sea processors; weigh-backs from shore-based catcher vessels; and small amounts landed under the trip limit between the seasons. The data for at-sea processing (catcher/processors and motherships) are preliminary and are based on reports from NMFS-trained observers. Data for shore-based processors also are preliminary and are provided by each State to NMFS for the purpose of monitoring the fishery. Preliminary data for the Makah fishery are from NMFS-trained observers or state fish tickets. All weights are round weight (the weight of the whole fish before processing) or round-weight equivalents. One metric ton is 2,204.6 pounds.